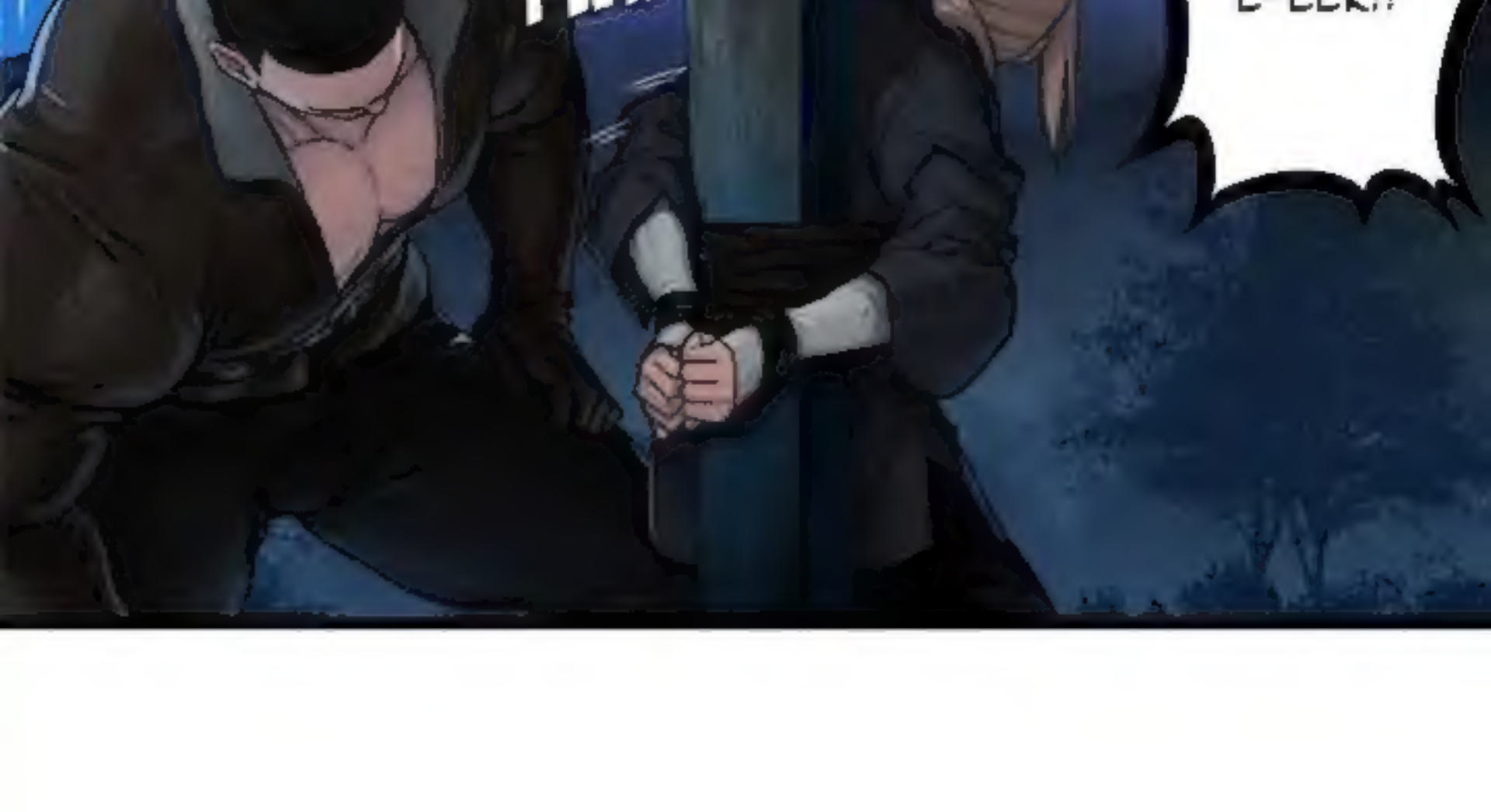




WHAT WOULD
A SERVANT WHO
WALKED ON ALL
FOURS LIKE A BEAST
KNOW ABOUT THIS?!



E-EEK!!



HUH? IT'S
TRUE.

HIS HANDS
ARE MORE
WORN THAN
MINE.

REALLY?
WOW...

THIS
GIRL'S REALLY
SOMETHING...

AH... SHE'S
NOT THE...

I'M TOO SCARED
TO SAY IT..



THEN AGAIN,
IF THE KING GAVE
YOU AN ORDER...

THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'D
BE NORMAL.



DO YOU THINK
WE COMMONERS
ARE BELOW YOU?

BUT THE ONLY
PROBLEM IS...

EVERYONE
IN THIS KINGDOM,
INCLUDING THE
STRAY DOGS, KNOWS
THE KING IS A
COMPLETE FOOL.



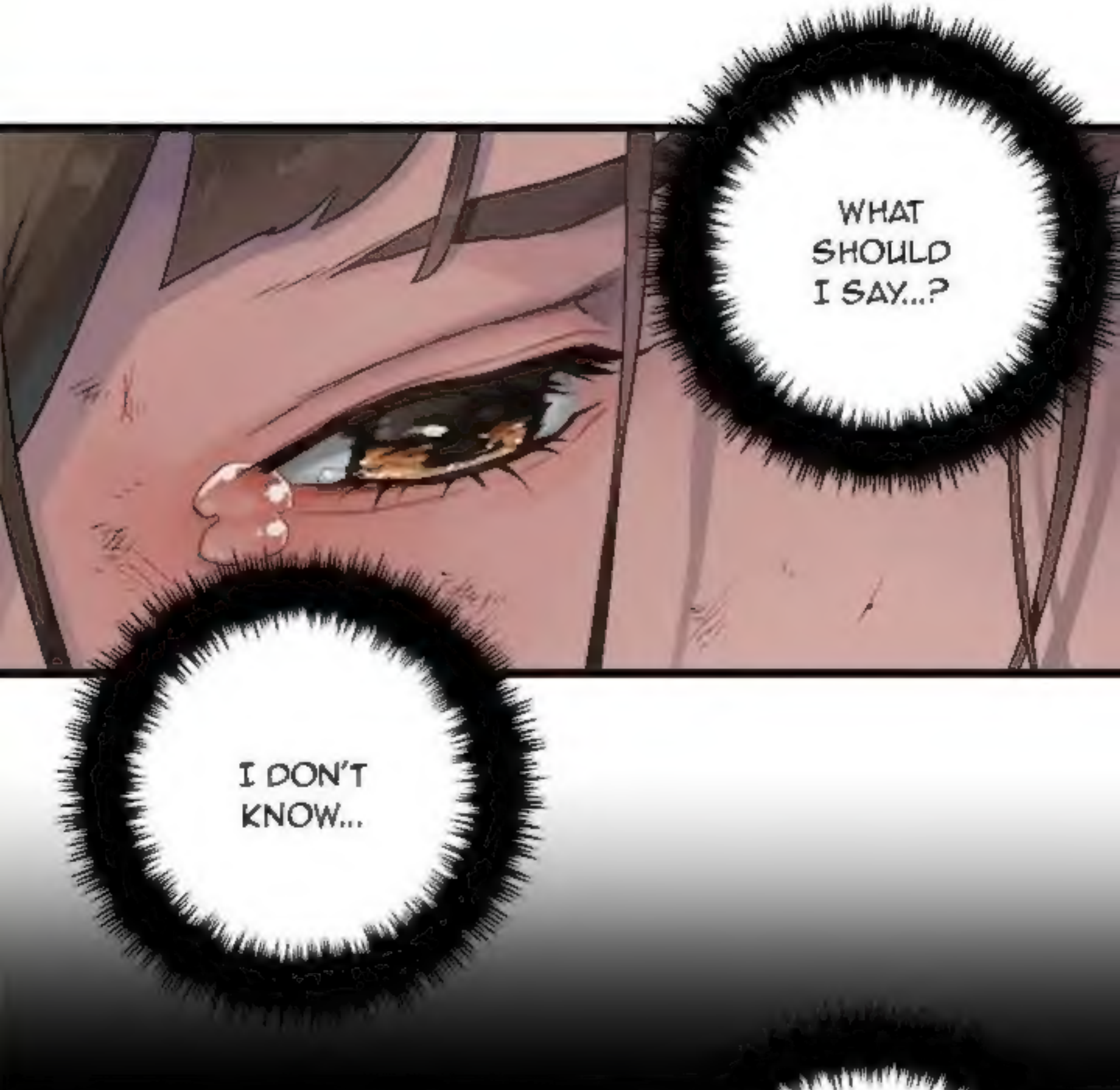
THERE'S
NO WAY SUCH
A KING...

WOULD CARE
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENS IN THE
NORTH DON'T YOU
THINK?



W-WELL...

THAT'S...



WHAT
SHOULD
I SAY...?

I DON'T
KNOW...



WHAT KIND
OF PERSON IS
HIS MAJESTY?

WHO'S
ACTUALLY
HELPING US?



WHAT IF
SOMEONE ELSE
IS PRETENDING
TO BE THE KING
AND HELPING US...

BECAUSE
THEY'RE THE
ONES WHO TRULY
CARE ABOUT THE
COUNTRY?

I WONDER
WHY...

I JUST
WENT ALONG
WITH WHATEVER
THEY SAID...

WITHOUT
EVEN THINKING
ABOUT IT...

WITHOUT
EVEN BEING
SURE OF
MYSELF...

I KNOW
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU VERY WELL.

SLIDE

THE SAME
THING HAPPENED
WHEN I
WAS COMING
BACK FROM THE
NORTH.

ALL I
WANTED
TO DO...

CLINK

WAS PASS ON
IMPORTANT
DOCUMENTS
TO THE KING.

BUT WHO
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT...

THE KING'S
MEN WOULD
ACTUALLY TRY
TO KILL US?

WHEN I WOKE
UP, I'D LOST
ALL OF MY
COMRADES...

...ALONG
WITH MY
LEFT EYE.

I ONLY
UNDERSTOOD
AFTER I HEARD
THE BARDS'
SING A SONG.

"DRINK THE
BLOOD OF THE
FARMERS. EAT THE
FLESH OF THE
CRAFTSMEN."

"BOW TO MY
THRONE, AND
CELEBRATE MY
EXISTENCE."



"ONCE THE CELEBRATIONS ARE OVER, I WILL TAKE YOUR LIVES."



AND THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED.



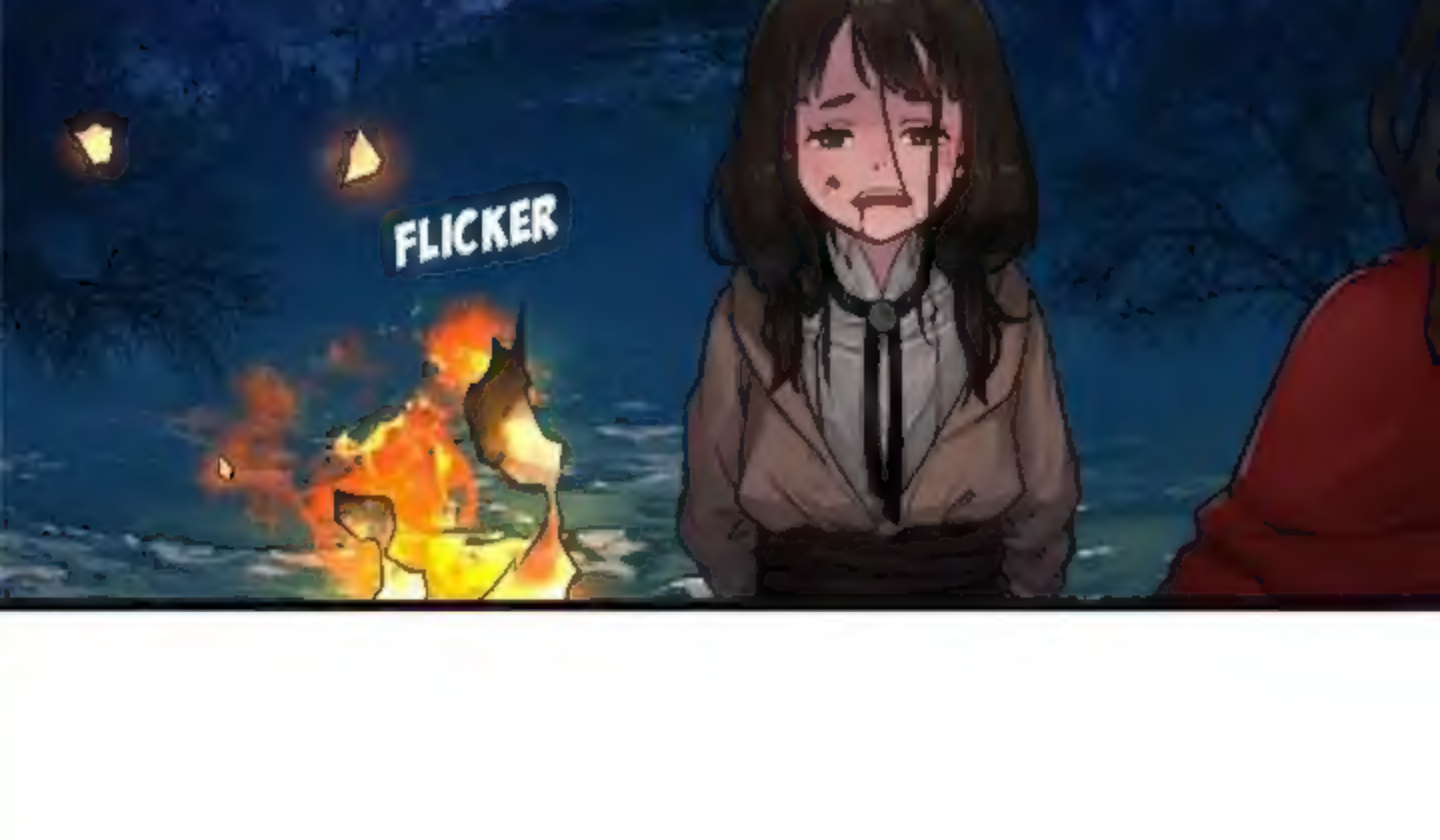
THE EYE I'D LOST...

WAS THE PRICE I HAD TO PAY, TO SEE WHAT COULD NOT BE SEEN.



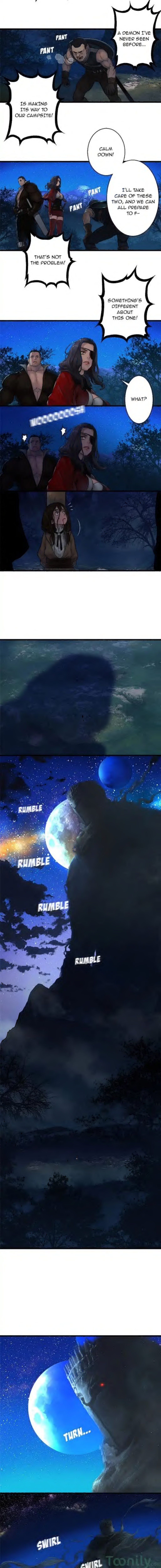
MAYBE THAT'S WHY...

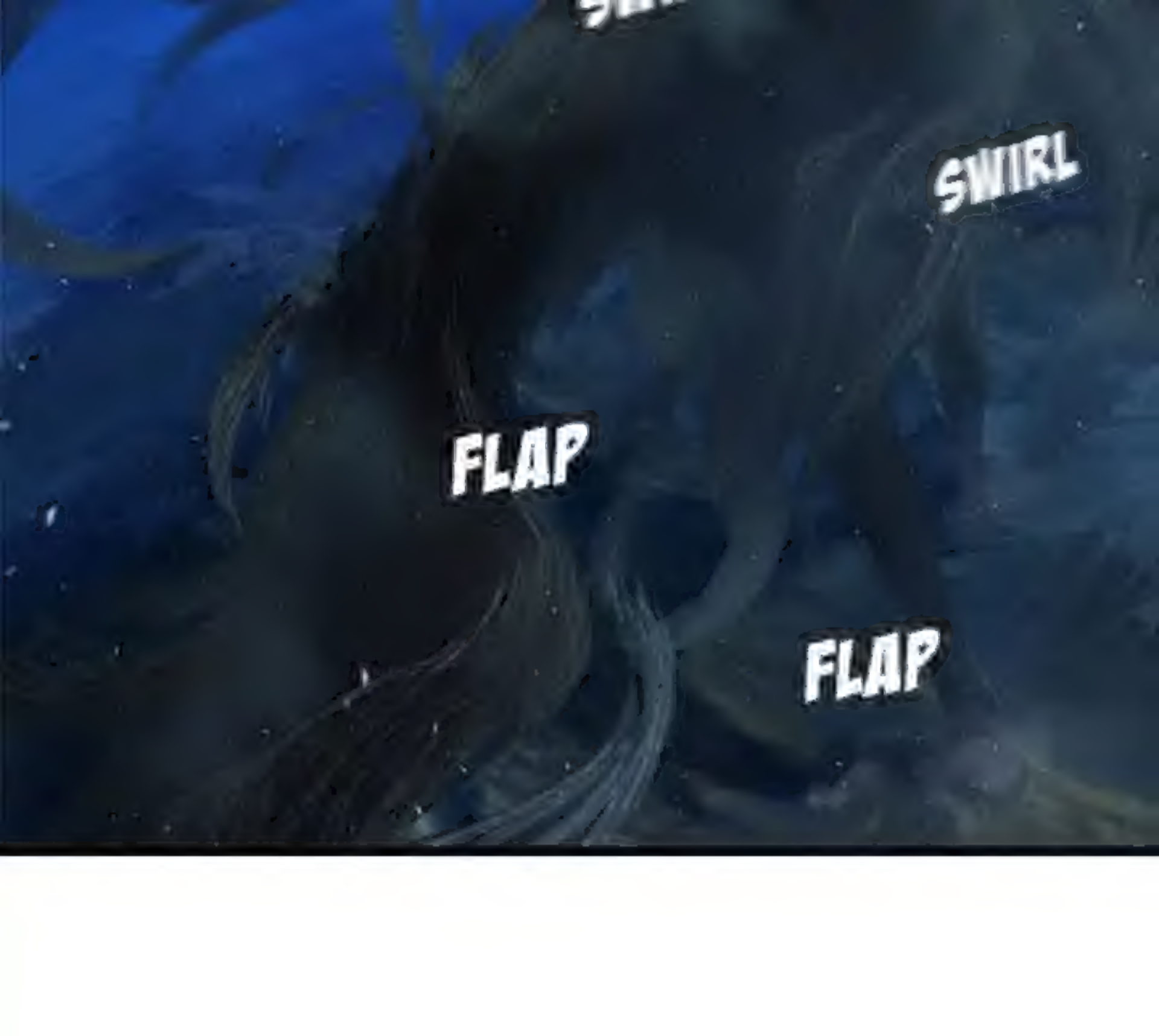
MY EYE'S HURTING MORE THAN USUAL, TODAY.



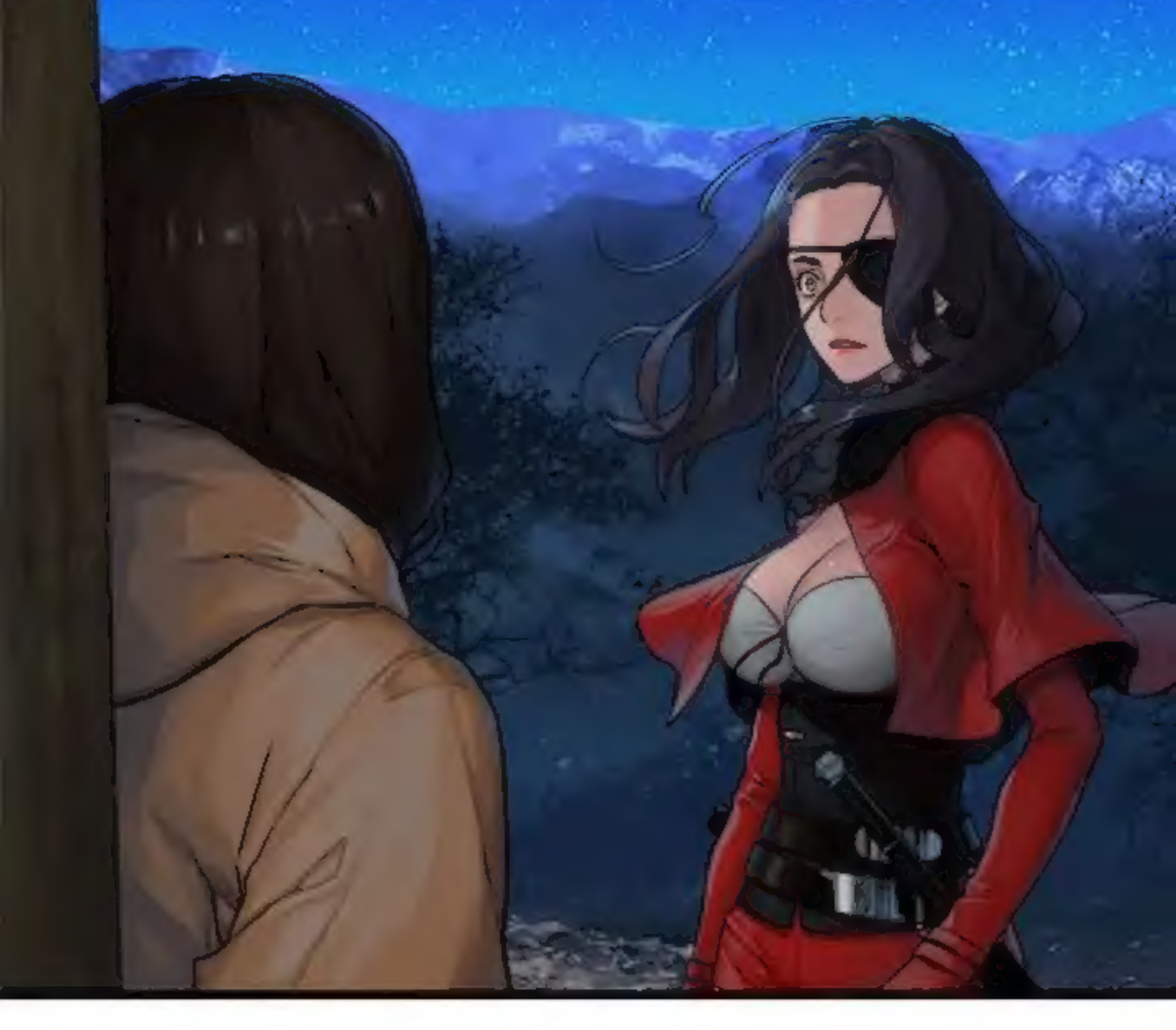
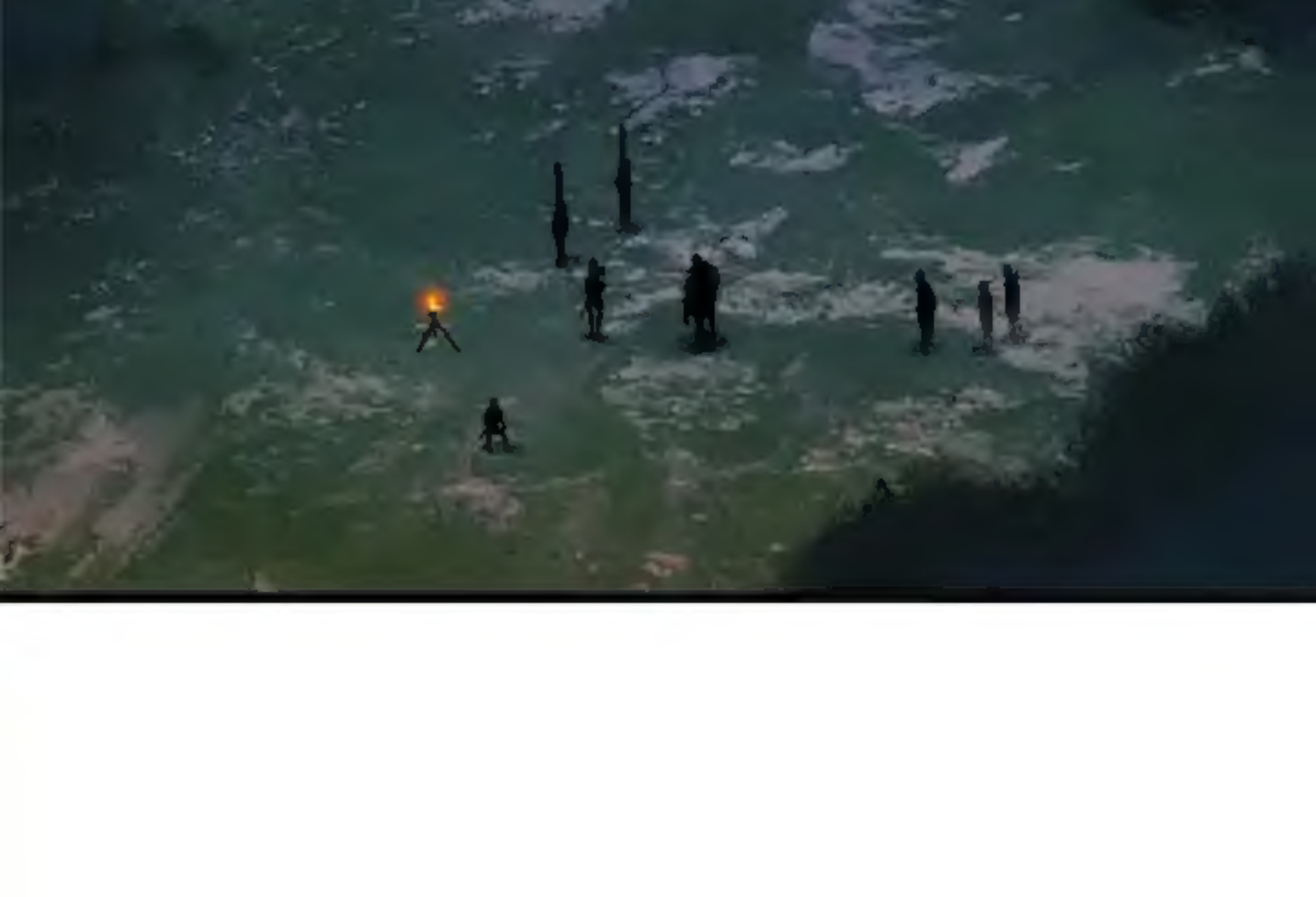
CAPTAIN AYKA!!

BAD NEWS!





LET ME GO!



WHAT?



LET ME GO!

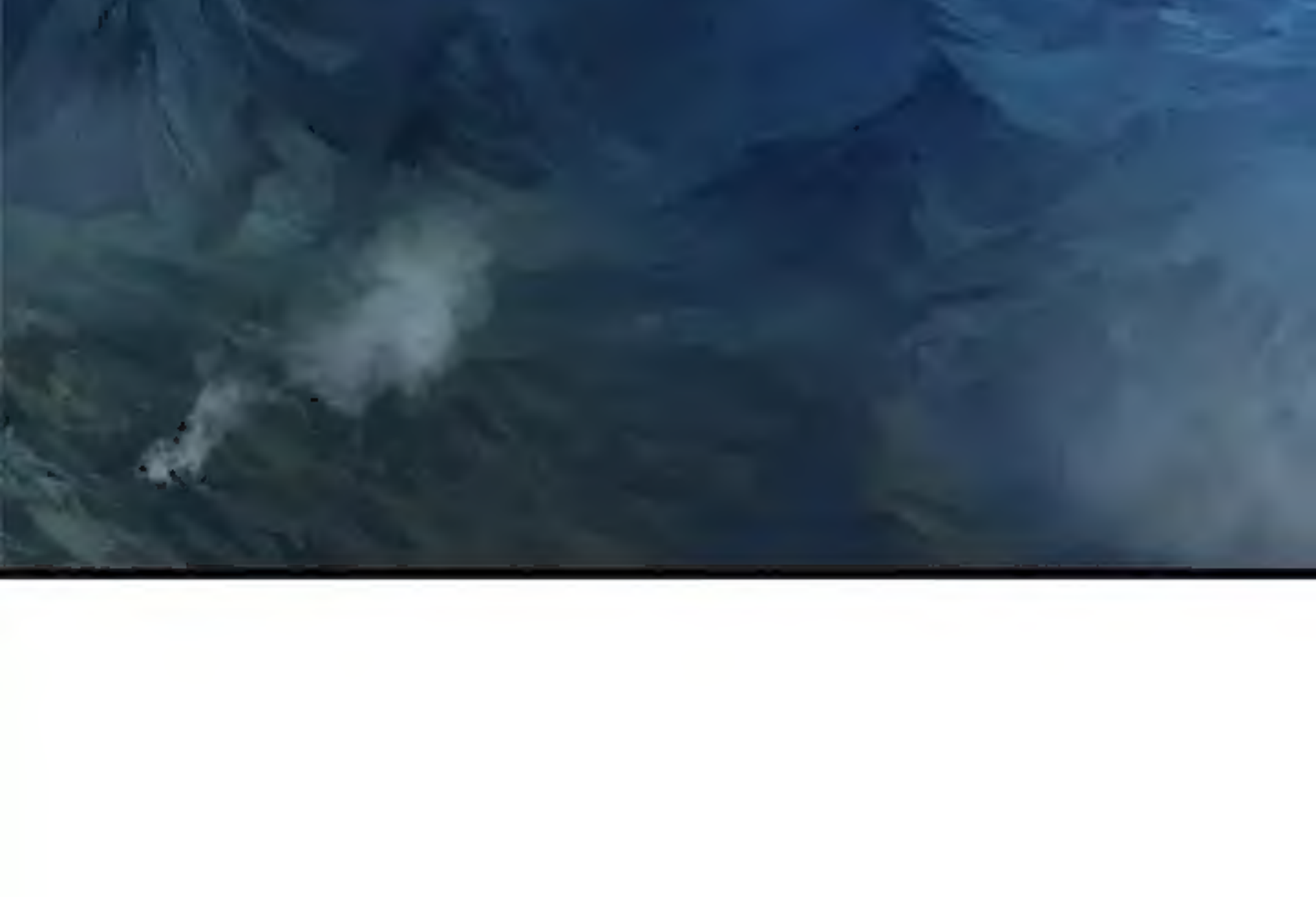


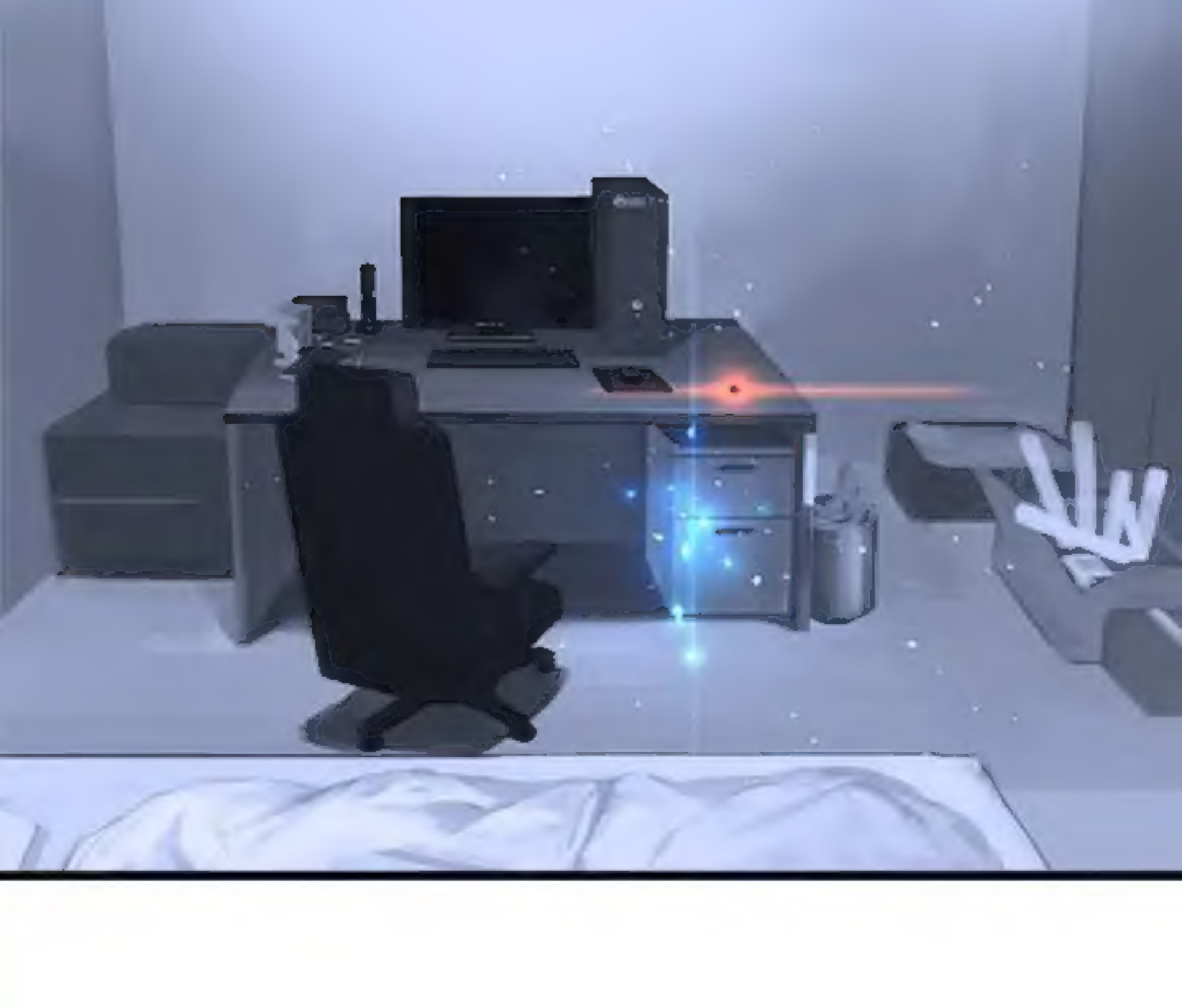
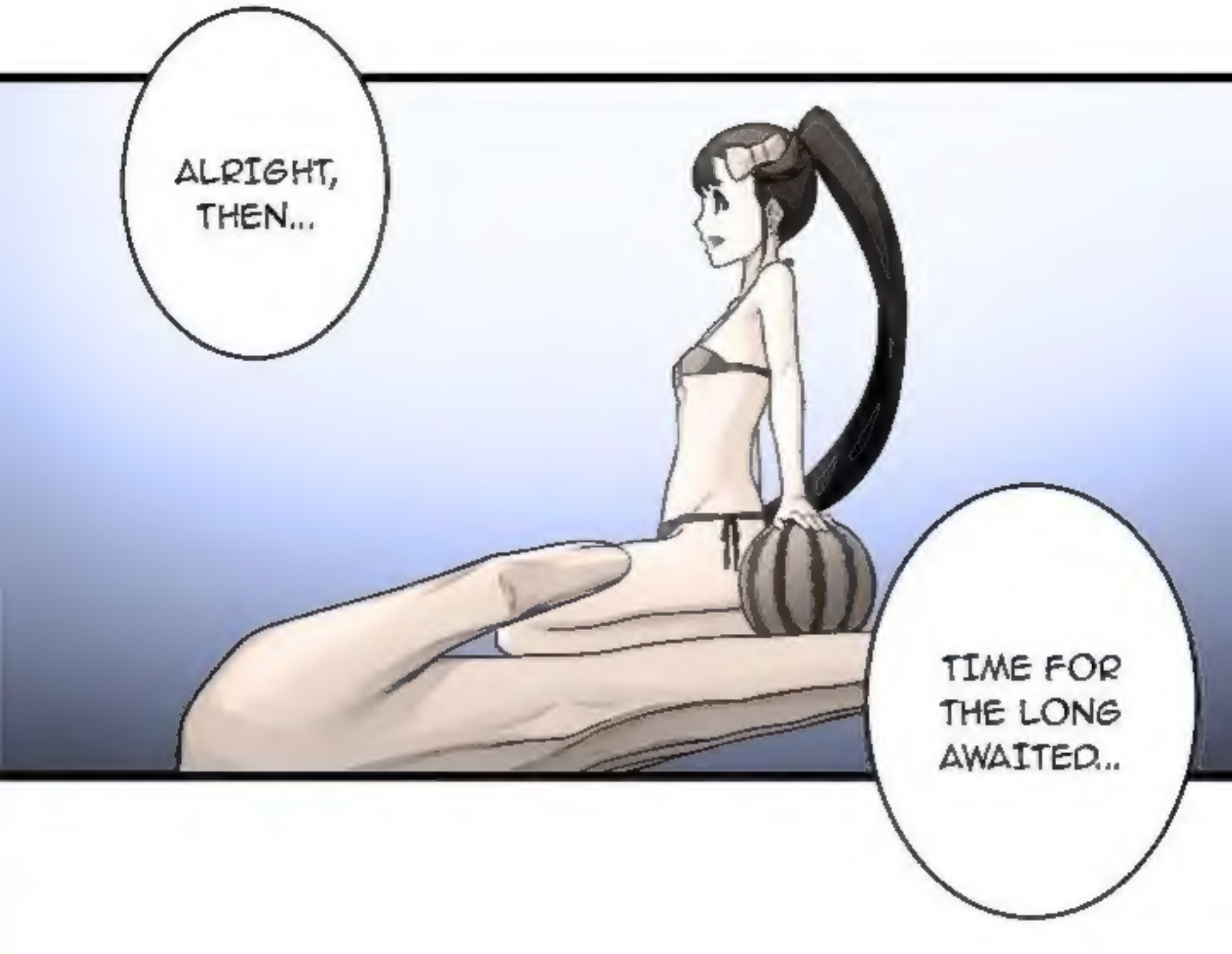
YOU PEOPLE
CAN'T BEAT
THAT DEMON!

AS THE ONE
WHO DEFEATED
"GRIA OF THE
WANDERING
BLADE"...



I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
DEFEAT IT!





HER SUMMON